of the question to make the training qualification a condition precedent to recruitment.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Trained teachers should be given preference, and the Government are not adhering to that principle.

Mr. President: Government have not prescribed training as a minimum qualification for recruitment by the Staff Selection Board. Am I to understand that it is the desire of the House that this should be prescribed as a minimum qualification?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): The Hon'ble President was pleased to say that the training will adversely affect unrepresented communities.

Mr. President: Because, other things being equal, they have to choose an untrained hand to satisfy the communal representation. If it is the desire of the House to insist upon the training as a minimum qualification for recruitment of teachers by the Staff Selection Board, Government will very seriously consider the question. I have made the position of the Government clear. I hope that the House will take an opportunity to table a resolution. If a resolution is tabled and the House records its unanimous verdict that the training should be a preferential consideration, Government will seriously consider the question.

HINDI—TEACHING OF.

119. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of schools in the State where provision has been made for teaching Hindi or Hindustani;

(*b*) the number of students who are receiving instructions in Hindi in such schools;

(*c*) when was the teaching of Hindi first introduced in the State as subject of study in schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 23.
(*b*) 1,657.
(*c*) 1105.

LEAVE RULES—APPLICATION OF.

120. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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(*a*) whether they be pleased to print and place on the table of the House a copy of the circular issued to the schools of the State requiring teachers to produce medical certificates when applying for leave ;

(*b*) is that circular in force at present ;

(*c*) how many Sub-Assistant Surgeons are there in the State at present ;

(*d*) is this rule insisted upon in cases of casual leave by the officers who are competent to grant it ;

(*e*) has any application for casual leave from a teacher in Malayalam School, Paluvil (Trichur Taluk) been rejected, for want of a 'proper' medical certificate by the Deputy Inspector ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) A copy of the circular is appended. (*Vide Appendix IX.*)

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Sub-Assistant Surgeons :

Paid	....	41
Honorary	....	22
Medical Practitioners with L. M. P. qualification	....	17

(*d*) This rule is not generally insisted on in cases of casual leave, but the Principal, Maharaja's College, says that he insists on it at his discretion ; and the Headmaster, High School, Narakkal, insists on it when casual leave for some days at a stretch is applied for on reasons of ill-health.

(*e*) No.

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of teachers trained privately in the matter of the appointments of untrained teachers in private schools.

It also records its feelings of gratitude at the assurance given by the Director that only after providing for the present unemployed private trained teachers, the Government would select candidates for training in future.

(2) The Executive of the C. P. T. T. Association wishes to draw the attention of the Staff Selection Board and of the Director of Public Instruction to the fact that by its recent appointment of 39 untrained hands during the month of Karakdagam 1113 the Government has suffered a loss of Rs. 9,438 (being the expenditure met by Government in training up of these candidates –the average for a candidate being Rs. 242 per annum per head).

Besides it is a direct violation of the rules framed by the Government Cochin Education Code. Vide Chapter VII section No. 52. It therefore requests the Board to bear in mind this aspect of the matter in its future policy of appointments.

(3) The Executive requests the Director of Public Instruction that at least in the case of those entertained at the beginning of this year, without any definite undertaking that they would undergo training privately at their own expense, the Director would be PLEASED NOT TO ISSUE ANY PERMITS TO THEM. The Executive also wishes to draw the kind attention of the Director of Public Instruction to the fact that the spirit as well as the letter of the Government rule insisting on the appointment of trained teachers in Schools is now being violated by the present procedure of appointing untrained teachers in unaided classes of Management schools, since such appointments generally result in the establishment of a claim in the service to the detriment of the interests and claims of trained teachers. Further since no publicity is given while filling up these vacancies such appointments actually result in the violation of the provision of the Cochin Education Code, Vide Chapter VII Section No. 52. Hence we beg to bring the matter to the attention of the Department.

Trichur, 20th August 1938. } *Secretary, The Cochin Private Trained Teachers' Association, National Tutorial College, Trichur.*

APPENDIX IX.

(*Please see answer to question No.120*).

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The Huzur Secretariat,
Development Department.
17th July 1937.

CIRCULAR.

Leave rules—Application of—Education Department.

It is laid down in the Standing Orders that leave cannot be claimed as a matter of right. Though an officer may be eilgible for leave, Government have to decide the question of granting the leave by taking into consideration the various circumstances of a particular case. The Education Department has got long vacations during the year and also holidays for two days in the week. This fact has to be taken into consideration in dealing with applications for leave from officers of this Department.

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In making recommendations for the grant of leave to members of the teaching profession, the officer recommending should satisfy himself personally that the leave is required for valid reasons. If leave is wanted on grounds of ill-health, a proper medical certificate should be obtained from a person of the rank of not lower than an Assistant Surgeon. The Headmasters and Headmistresses of the High Schools and the Principal of the Maharaja's College must be asked to bear in mind the possible inconveniences that may result if a member of the staff is given leave in the middle of a term. In the case of the College staff, the Principal must endorse that he is satisfied on making enquiries that the leave is required for a valid and urgent reason.

(By order)

(Sd.)

Deputy Secretary.

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